

Board Work Session

September 8

2009

The Board of Education of the Mansfield City Schools District met in a Board Work Session at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at the Board of Education, 124 North Linden Road, Mansfield, Ohio.

Sondra Asher, President, called the meeting to order.

The roll, as taken by the treasurer, was as follows:

Members Present - Mrs. Sondra Asher, Mr. Domenick Danza, Mr. Dale Musilli, Ms. Deanne Osgood, Mr. George Rusiska -----	5
Members Absent – None -----	0

Dr. Lloyd Martin, Superintendent, and James Lehmann, Treasurer, were in attendance along with community members and staff.

**Board Discussions:**

- **The Algebra Project:** Dr. Lee McEwan and a team from the Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus reviewed the Algebra Project, or sometimes referred to as the Young People Project (YPP). One of the college students and two of the high school students talked about their summer trip to a workshop in Chicago and the games they teach to fourth grade students that help with their math memory retention.
- **Non-Academic Barriers to Student Learning:** Dr. Dawn Anderson-Butcher and Susan Barker, from Ohio State University-Main Campus' Department of Social Work, reported on the work they completed last school year while working with our building leadership teams on non-academic barriers to student learning and what they plan to accomplish this school year while working again with the building staff and administrators on the topic of non-academic barriers to student learning.
- **New Sliding Scale for Pre-K:** A new sliding scale for the Pre-K Program was announced. No in-district parent will be charged more than \$100 per month for their child to attend; out-of-district parents will be charged \$150 per month. The sliding scale provides reduced monthly rates depending on the number of persons in the family and the amount of income. Due to the sliding scale, many of the in-district students will attend free of charge.
- **Interpretation of Policy Governance:** President Asher reported that Dr. Terry Boyd, Policy Governance Trainer, will be attending the Board meeting on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to provide an interpretation of the Policy Governance procedures that the Board has been engaged in through the summer.
- **Special Education Model Policies and Procedures:** Dr. Michael Petrasek provided a copy the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures with a summary of the information in the document. The document was created and adopted by the Ohio Department of Education. All districts in the state are required to adopt the document as written by November 1, 2009.
- **Job Descriptions:** Patricia Malone-Robinson presented a copy of a Budget Director job description and a copy of a Grant Writer job description for the Board's review. The adoption of these job descriptions will be included in the Human Resource actions for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. There was a discussion among Board members concerning the need for filling these positions.

- **Percentage Adjustments:** A discussion was held between Board members concerning percentage adjustments for administrative and support staff members, as the percentage adjustments have already been given to district union members as per the negotiated agreement.
- **Location of Future Board Meetings:** Through consensus the Board members decided that all Board meetings during this school year will be held in the Board Room. The Board will be meeting with community members in other venues throughout the year.
- **Drug Testing Procedures for Administrative and Support Staff:** Randy Bradford provide a draft of proposed procedures for drug testing administrative and support staff. This was only a draft. The final version is scheduled to be presented at the October Board Work Session.
- **District H1N1 Procedures:** The district will be following the local, state and national guidelines as provided by the Health Department in dealing with the H1N1 Virus.
- **Exit Interview Process:** Exit interview forms are in every building to request parents input as to why they are withdrawing their children from the Mansfield City Schools. At this time of year most withdrawals are because families moved over the summer and we do not have contact with the parents. For these withdrawals, we receive record requests from the district where the family has moved into. The Board requested that they receive a monthly update of all exit interview information and the development of an entrance interview format.
- **Extra-Curricular Academic Eligibility:** Dr. Martin provided Board members a draft for extra-curricular academic eligibility.

**Review of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Education Meeting Agenda**

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items - None**

**09-206 Resolution to Adjourn**

Ms. Osgood moved and Mr.Danza seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Danza, Ms. Osgood, Mrs. Asher, Mr. Musilli, Mr. Rusiska ----- 5  
 Nay: None ----- 0  
 Motion passed

Mrs. Asher declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Sondra Asher, President

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James Lehmann, Treasurer